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NON-METALLIC BRAKE PLATE

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2003, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-9 (Invention I identified by the Examiner in the Office Action). This election is made with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: U.S. Application for:

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Dear Carol:

Enclosed is a copy of the Response filed with the Patent Office.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please call me at my direct dial number indicated above.

Very truly yours,

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS

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Enclosure

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